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**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times Online, The

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**News Headline:** EPA proposes huge methane limits for oil, gas industry |

**Outlet Full Name:** USA Today Online

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**News Headline:** EPA Proposes Cutting Methane Emissions From Oil, Natural-Gas Drilling |

**Outlet Full Name:** Wall Street Journal Online

**News Text:** ...at Knott Landfill east of Bend, Ore., in January.  
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**Outlet Full Name:** Washington Post Online

**News Text:** ...with industry comment in third paragraph.) The proposed rules from the Environmental Protection Agency target for the...

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**News Headline:** Utah attorney general watching how EPA handles spill damage |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press

**News Text:** SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah's attorney general said Tuesday he wants to see how the EPA proposes to fix damage to state waterways caused by a massive spill of mine waste in Colorado before he decides whether to take legal action.

Attorney General Sean Reyes told Utah lawmakers that the federal agency must be held responsible after the waste was accidentally unleashed by its workers and flowed through the San Juan River to Lake Powell.

"I want to give the administrator a chance to prove her commitment and her promise that they will held be fully accountable and they will hold themselves to the highest standard," Reyes said. "What that means is yet to be seen."

Utah lawmakers called for an independent investigation into the Aug. 5 spill from the abandoned gold mine and the EPA's response. The 3 million gallon spill sent heavy metal-laden wastewater flowing into Utah and two other states.

State Sen. Margaret Dayton asked Reyes whether waiting was a good idea.

"The more time we give them, the more damage is done," said Dayton, R-Orem.

Reyes said a hastily filed lawsuit can become a headache if new information undermines its legal basis. He plans to visit the site of the spill near Silverton, Colorado, on Wednesday.

Dayton wondered whether the spill might have been touched off on purpose so the area would qualify for cleanups by the federal Superfund program.

The designation has been rejected for years by locals who were fearful that a stigma from the work might hurt tourism.

Michael Davis, a public information officer at the Gold King Mine spill office, rejected the allegation, calling it farfetched to say workers charged with protecting the environment would purposely harm it.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has expressed sorrow for the spill and said her agency takes full responsibility.

Utah Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, who represents Utah counties heavily affected by the spill, said the EPA initially downplayed the magnitude of the disaster and that a private company would likely face hefty fines for such an accident.

The toxic plume has reached Lake Powell, the huge reservoir that feeds the Colorado River and supplies water to the Southwest.

U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has said congressional hearings on the spill could start in September.

"No one will know what the long-term effects are going to be," Bishop said.

Preliminary tests indicate the now-diluted toxic plume poses little danger to Lake Powell but that has not yet been confirmed.

Meanwhile, some people have canceled trips to the area popular with tourists and fishermen.

Bishop said EPA officials were slow to share information about how the leak happened and what was in the wastewater.

"Had this been a private company, heads would have been rolling well before now," he said.

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**News Headline:** Clinton seeks distance from Obama on climate change issues |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press

**News Text:** NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton is voicing opposition to President Barack Obama's authorization for oil drilling in the Alaska Arctic and his delays on Keystone XL, in some of the clearest signs of the Democratic front-runner distancing herself from the president.

Having agreed with him on most issues so far in her 2016 race, Clinton edged to Obama's left on climate change on Tuesday. In the course of a few hours, she announced her disapproval of his move to allow Royal Dutch Shell to drill in the Arctic Ocean and her impatience for a decision on the controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

Clinton argued on Twitter that the Arctic is a unique treasure and "not worth the risk of drilling." Then as she took questions from reporters later in Nevada, she said the U.S. should be focusing on cleaner sources of renewable energy, rather than risking "potential catastrophes" in the search for more oil.

"I think the very great difficulties that Shell encountered the last time they tried to do that should be a red flag for anybody," Clinton said, referring to a setback that beset the oil giant when it tried to drill there in 2012, including a rig that ran aground.

In the early months of her campaign, Clinton has rarely disagreed publicly with Obama, who remains popular among core Democratic voters but much less so among the broader American public. Her biggest rebuff came in June when she declined to support giving Obama expedited negotiating authority on trade. Even in that case, she characterized her position as more of a wait-and-see approach than outright opposition to the trade deals he's pursuing.

One of Clinton's challenges is winning enough support in the liberal wing of the Democratic Party. Her primary opponents like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders have been vocal in their opposition to Keystone, Arctic drilling and other projects deemed risky for the environment. And in recent weeks, Clinton has sought subtle distinctions with Obama by suggesting that she could be more effective in working with Republicans to get things done.

Clinton's comments on Arctic drilling came less than a day after the Obama administration, in a long-expected move, gave Shell the final permits needed to drill for oil off Alaska's northwest coast, drawing consternation from environmentalists who warn about its effects on climate change and already vulnerable species in the region.

Unsurprisingly, the same groups that had criticized Obama praised Clinton for stating her opposition. "We applaud Secretary Clinton for standing up for what science, the will of the American people and common sense demand," said Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune.

But Clinton's Republican opponents pushed back, working to portray the Democrat as hostile to U.S. energy development.

"Wrong," former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush responded on Twitter. "Being more-anti energy than Obama is extreme."

Added New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie: "Still waiting to hear your position on Keystone."

Clinton has said she won't take a stance on whether to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil from Canada into the U.S., unless the decision is still pending if and when she's elected. Citing her work on the issue as secretary of state, Clinton argued it would be imprudent for her to weigh in. But Keystone supporters and opponents alike have questioned her refusal to say what she believes about an issue important to voters.



Following a town hall Tuesday in Nevada, Clinton sought to reframe the question as one about Obama and why the pipeline was even still an open question. She said she "would really hope" a decision would come soon, adding she felt some responsibility since she was involved in the process earlier.

"But I am getting impatient, because I feel that at some point a decision needs to be made," Clinton said. "And I'm not comfortable saying, you know, 'I have to keep my opinion to myself' given the fact that I was involved in it. So at some point I may change my view on that."

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**News Headline:** US proposes to cut methane from oil, gas by nearly half |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Obama administration is proposing to cut methane emissions from U.S. oil and gas production by nearly half over the...

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**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** ...identity, the northward shift stands as a particularly sad example of how climate change may be altering the natural range of many...

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**News Headline:** Rhode Island researchers study link between heat and health |

**Outlet Full Name:** Berkshire Eagle - Online

**News Text:** ...deaths will increase in New England if temperatures rise due to climate change. Based on their work so far, they think the...

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**Outlet Full Name:** Keene Sentinel Online

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**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times Online, The

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**Outlet Full Name:** Wall Street Journal Online

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**News Headline:** Shaheen to tour Ossipee Pine Barrens on Wednesday |

**Outlet Full Name:** Conway Daily Sun - Online, The

**News Text:** ...partners who will discuss the importance of fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund for New Hampshire's economy and...

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**News Headline:** Utility to release new route for Northern Pass power lines | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Foster's Daily Democrat Online

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**News Headline:** Algae blooms close several Candlewood beaches | .

**Outlet Full Name:** News-Times, The

**News Text:** Aug. 19--Beach lovers had to find other ways to stay cool this week when three of the five town beaches at Candlewood Lake closed after potentially

toxic algae blooms were discovered in the water.

New Fairfield and Brookfield closed Monday, and Sherman closed Friday after spotting blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, which release toxins that can cause irritations and illness in humans and are especially dangerous to dogs.

Brookfield beach was scheduled to reopen Wednesday morning after town officials consulted with state and local health departments Tuesday afternoon. The other two beaches remain closed until further notice.

Brookfield First Selectman Bill Tinsley said Tuesday's strong breezes helped break up the algae blooms near the town's beach.

"We had a break with the weather," he said.

New Fairfield hasn't been as lucky. A lack of wind and rain kept the algae close to shore, First Selectman Susan Chapman said.

New Fairfield and Sherman are awaiting the test results from the water samples the Candlewood Lake Authority took Tuesday. Thursday is the earliest the results will be available.

"It's unfortunate that it's this very hot week that people can't swim and enjoy the beach, but I hope they realize it's for their health," Sherman First Selectman Clay Cope said.

The decision to close a beach is made by following guidelines the state adopted in 2013, using visual cues to assess water quality.

Cyanobacteria can cause irritation of the skin, nose, eyes and respiratory tract. It can also cause vomiting or diarrhea if swallowed and affect the liver or nervous system if ingested in large quantities. Dogs are especially susceptible to the toxins' effect.

The Candlewood Lake Authority has been monitoring the health of the lake for 30 years. This is the first time town beaches along the lake have closed because of the algae, said Larry Marsicano, the authority's executive director.

The beach at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield closed twice this summer because of algae blooms and a Level Two warning was placed at Sherman's town beach, which didn't close the beach, but warned swimmers of higher algae levels.

Kettletown State Park in Southbury closed Tuesday afternoon until further notice because of blue-green algae blooms.

The first lakewide bloom at Candlewood Lake was detected in October 2013, but the beaches were already closed for the season.

"I had never seen anything like that," Marsicano said.

A simple testing program was introduced by the authority at the five town beaches this year.

Under the program, lifeguards lower patterned disks into the water to monitor its clarity. If visibility is poor, it can be evidence of a bloom.

The testing is part of a statewide effort to more closely monitor blue-green algae.

Marsicano said there's a big difference between the water transparency last year and this year. Last year, visibility went at least 2 1/2 meters deep; this year, it's usually less than 2 meters. Scientists are still trying to determine what caused the change.

When the water is calm, algae tend to concentrate near the surface of the water, and the potential dangers are greatest. When the water is moving because of wind or currents, the danger is less.

According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website, "the water may be cloudy or even thick like pea soup" when a bloom is present. "It may look like someone spilled paint on the water. The water will likely be green or brown. There may be a mat of algae, scum or foaming on the water surface."

Marsicano said it's important for people to become familiar with what the blooms look like.

"They should all be aware of that and if they see it, they should avoid contact with it," he said.

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**News Headline:** Jury awards Oxford family for asbestos death |

**Outlet Full Name:** Greenwich Time Online

**News Text:** ...to the family of an Oxford man who they claimed died as a result of asbestos exposure while working at Sikorsky Aircraft. The six-member...

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**News Headline:** Illinois EPA says abandoned laboratory poses health threat |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press

**News Text:** SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - The director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency says an abandoned laboratory in the St. Louis suburb of Millstadt poses a health threat and must be sealed.

Agency director Lisa Bonnett issued an order to seal the property after an inspection last week found containers labeled hazardous waste. The order restricts public access to the Advanced Asymmetries Inc. site and prohibits entry to anyone other than people authorized to be there to carry out official duties.

The state agency has asked that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to oversee the proper removal of the remaining chemicals and dismantling of the remaining portions of the laboratory.

The facility's utilities were disconnected in 2012. The neighborhood is shared by residential homes and a senior living facility.

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**News Headline:** Officials eye loan to poultry company for wastewater plans |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press

**News Text:** DOVER, Del. (AP) - Delaware officials are close to signing off on a request by poultry producer Allen Harim Foods for some \$11 million in state loans.

Members of the Water Infrastructure Advisory Council were expected to give their final approval for the loans at a meeting Wednesday, after giving conditional approval at the panel's previous meeting. Environmental secretary David Small is responsible for the final decision.

The company wants to draw about \$8.3 million from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and expand the wastewater plant at its Harbeson processing facility.

Harim also is seeking a \$3.2 million loan for a wastewater reuse project.

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**News Headline:** Fish die as vegetable oil runoff from fire enters creek |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press Online

**News Text:** ...it's extremely likely that's the oil that entered the stream. Crews were using absorbent pads and vacuum trucks to contain and clean the...

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**News Headline:** Report: Harbor dredging, where to dump? |

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**News Text:** ...said Jean Brochi, a Long Island Sound project manager at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The New York departments...

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**News Headline:** New initiative planned opposing Canadian nuclear waste plan |

**Outlet Full Name:** Associated Press

**News Text:** FLINT, Mich. (AP) - A member of Congress from Michigan is stepping up the fight against a Canadian proposal to store nuclear waste underground less than a mile from the Lake Huron shore.

Democratic Rep. Dan Kildee has scheduled an announcement Wednesday of what he calls a "community initiative" to oppose Ontario Power Generation's plan for disposal of low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste near Kincardine, Ontario.

The company says the project won't contaminate Lake Huron, but opponents say anything could happen over thousands of years.

Kildee and Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters have introduced legislation that would require the U.S. State Department to demand a new study of risks to the lake.

Kildee says Michigan Senate Democratic leader Jim Ananich will join him Wednesday in Flint to announce the community initiative.

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